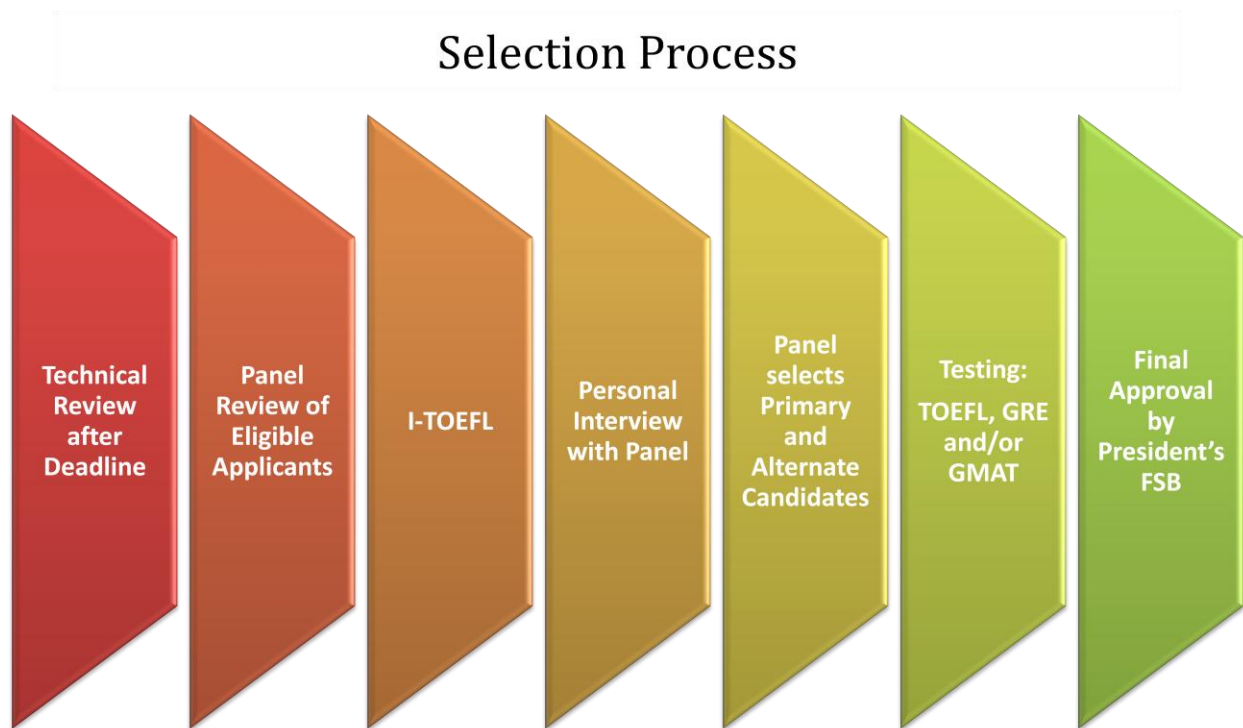


Fulbright Selection and Placement – How Does it Work?

Participants are recruited through a merit-based, open competition and chosen based upon their leadership potential, academic excellence, maturity, ability to adjust successfully to life in the U.S., strong interest in engaging Americans, and potential to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Afghanistan.



Selection for Academic Year 2013-14:

- 1) All applications go through a technical review (we expect ~2000!)
- 2) Qualified applicants proceed to scored panel review in May (about ~1800). Panel includes up to five Americans and subject matter experts who independently score applications on a scale of 1 to 5.

- 3) Applicants with excellent panel scores are invited to take the iTOEFL (institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language) in June (about 500 applicants)
- 4) Top iTOEFL candidates are invited for an interview (about 200 applicants).
- 5) The interview panel will be made up of American Embassy personnel, Fulbright alumni, and subject matter experts in your field of study. Interviews will take place in July.
- 6) Top candidates from the panel interview will be selected as finalists in August. The Master's program will select up to 75 finalists and 25 alternates. The PhD program will select up to 3 finalists and 2 alternates.
- 7) Finalists and alternates will take the TOEFL and Graduate Record of Examination (GRE) in September/October/November. Applicants must meet minimum score requirements to move to next stage.
- 8) Finalists are approved by the Fulbright Scholarship Board (a panel of 12 people in the U.S. appointed directly by President Obama!) in December/January 2013.
- 9) Selected finalists are asked to attend pre-academic studies in the U.S. between January 2013 and July 2013.
- 10) Remaining finalists are placed at a US institution, apply for their US visa, and depart for their programs! (by September 2013)

**Applications for both programs are due by 5pm Kabul time on
May 1, 2012.**

They must be submitted online using this link:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international/20>.

Before you apply, please review all materials on our website:

<https://kabul.usembassy.gov/fulbright.html>